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July 9, 2013  
A transcript of the  
plea minutes of Sept 13, 1999  
shall be unsealed and released  
to Barbara J. Brandes, Esq.,  
225 Broadway, Suite 900,  
NY 10007. Served  
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The Honorable Sidney Stein  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse  
500 Pearl St.  
New York, NY 10007-1312

RE: **Mohammed Shahidur Rahman**  
Docket No. 99-CR-352 (SHS)

Dear Judge Stein,

We are the immigration attorneys for Mohammed Rahman. We contacted your office on June 24, 2013, regarding our request for the sealed plea minutes, dated September 13, 1999, for the above docketed matter, *USA vs. Mohammed Shahidur Rahman*. We were instructed to receive permission from both the criminal defense attorney and the District Attorney's Office in order to unseal the plea minutes and release them to us.

On July 1, 2013, we contacted Attorney Camille Abate, the defense attorney of record who had no objections to unsealing the plea minutes, provided she received an Authorization for the Release of Records signed by the defendant. The Authorization was faxed to Attorney Abate's office at the Bronx Defenders on July 8, 2013.

On July 8, 2013, we contacted ADA Jeff Brown at the DA's Office for the Southern District of New York, who stated that if the defense attorney and the defendant had no objections, that they would also agree to the unsealing of the plea minutes. The Authorization was faxed to ADA Brown's office at the DA's Office of SDNY on July 8, 2013.

Further, please find attached a copy of the Authorization for the Release of Records, signed by the defendant Mohammed Rahman and notarized.

If Your Honor has any issues regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact our office at any time.

Respectfully,

  
Stephanie E. Gibbs, Esq.  
Brandes & Associates

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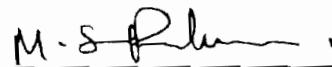
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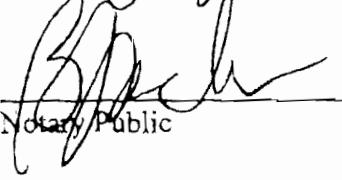
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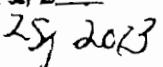
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF RECORDS

I, Mohammed Shahidur Rahman, born on September 9, 1978 and currently residing at 20826 Grand Central Blvd., Apt. 3C, Queens Village, NY 11427, hereby authorize the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York to release the transcript of the plea minutes of September 13, 1999 to my immigration attorneys Barbara J. Brandes & Associates, whose professional address is 225 Broadway, Suite 900, New York, NY 10007.



Mohammed Rahman

Sworn to before me this 8  
day of July, 20 13  
  
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Notary Public

BARBARA J. BRANDES  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York  
No. 02-BR4722307  
Qualified in Queens County  
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